

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Mark Williams on 6/17/09.

The application has been amended as indicated in the attached document entitled "Proposed Amendment" and dated June 16, 2009.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The closest prior art (US 6,792,460 (Oulu); 6,237,143 (Fontana) and US 5,546,577 (Marlin)) teach limitations of the claims as discussed in the previous actions (dated 12/11/08). Additionally it is noted that Marlin teaches instrumentation of hardware or software components (see e.g. col. 6, lines 13-19 "components are physical or logical entities ... such as hardware, software or firmware").

The closest prior art does not teach component modules identifying an instrumentation module defining a source of instrumentation, wherein the instrumentation module comprises a general part and a specific part, the general part being operable to communicate with the specific part via a private interface to obtain

instrumentation data, and the specific part being configured to interface with instrumentation for the hardware component to obtain said instrumentation data.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to JASON MITCHELL whose telephone number is (571)272-3728. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday and alternate Fridays 7:30-5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Bullock Lewis can be reached on (571) 272-3759. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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